

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

assigning a unique virtual IP address and virtual hostname to a first application
residing on a first computer;
said first application requesting to connect to a port and address of a second
application running on a second computer in communication with said
first computer; ~~and~~
resolving the virtual IP address of the first application as a local address to
connect the first application to said second application; and
registering the virtual hostname and virtual IP address with a snapshot framework.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium including program instructions
executable to implement a method comprising:

assigning a unique virtual IP address and virtual hostname to a first application
residing on a first computer;
said first application requesting to connect to a port and address of a second
application running on a second computer in communication with said
first computer; ~~and~~
resolving the virtual IP address of the first application as a local address to
connect the first application to said second application; and
registering the virtual hostname and virtual IP address with a snapshot framework.

6-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the virtual hostname is dynamically assigned.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the virtual hostname is preassigned.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the virtual IP address is dynamically assigned.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the virtual IP address is preassigned.

15-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 5, wherein the virtual hostname is dynamically assigned.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 5, wherein the virtual hostname is preassigned.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 5, wherein the virtual IP address is dynamically assigned.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 5, wherein the virtual IP address is preassigned.

24. (Cancelled)